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Title : Electronic Component Having Microscopically Small Contact Areas and Method for Fabricating It

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir :

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Translated Specification:

Page 1, replace the paragraph on lines 3-4 with:

- ELECTRONIC DEVICE HAVING MICROSCOPICALLY SMALL CONTACT

AREAS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING THE ELECTRONIC

DEVICE--